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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable William P. Clark  
Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: FY 1984-1988 NFIP Guidance

REFERENCE: Your memorandum  dated 16 February 1982,  
same subject

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1. I appreciate your interest in the formulation of a National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP) responsive to the President's desire for upgraded intelligence capabilities. Issuance of the NFIP guidance is the first step in soliciting the plans and ideas of the Program Managers which will permit examination of alternative courses of action. The purpose of this guidance is to solicit proposals, not to convey decisions. This year the guidance was keyed to the 1985 Intelligence Capabilities Study that was endorsed at a National Security Planning Group (NSPG) meeting in December 1981. Later, when decisions are required, I will ask the SIG(I) for its advice.

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2. I plan to hold a National Foreign Intelligence Council (NFIC) meeting, in late March or early April, to discuss the relative priority of new initiatives and examine areas where we can draw down or discontinue intelligence efforts. NSC representatives will be invited to that meeting. I believe this process is vital in rebuilding a balanced intelligence program and I welcome your personal interest in this effort.

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Signed

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